



**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicant: Watkins et al.  
Group Art Unit: 1772  
Examiner: Michael C. Miggins  
Title: GEL REDUCTION IN BLENDS OF THERMOPLASTIC  
POLYURETHANE AND HYDROXYL FUNCTIONAL  
POLYMERS  
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**Preliminary Amendment Accompanying an RCE**

Sir:

In response to the Final Rejection mailed June 15, 2006 and the Advisory Action of July 19, Applicants have filed a Request for Continued Prosecution (RCE). Before consideration on the merits, Applicants respectfully entry of the following amendments and consideration of the accompanying remarks. The three month statutory period for reply is set to expire on September 15, 2006. Reply is timely and no extension fee is due.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 5 of this paper.